



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, August 14, 2023 - Monday, August 21, 2023

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WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET-Southwest corner on steps

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 08:15hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 08:15hrs- REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

CREW MEETING: 08:30hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule, and assignments, and information from Crew Chief)

OFFICERS' MEETING: 08:30hrs

USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 08:45hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 08:50hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 09:45hrs

OCBPSRA Certification:None – All earned patches will Be handed out today. If you are missing a patch let Debi know.

Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 13th Street / 81st Street

Tides: High: 7:21:00 PM
Low: 12:53:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 1800hrs

Beach Bonfires: 42nd,62nd,63rd,84th,90th,112th

EQUIPMENT RETURN

You must return all issued equipment (except consumables) on your final day of employment. Please plan on having everything when you get off duty so you can come straight to HQ without delay...this includes a change of clothes. Prior to your last day, use the receipt you received when you checked-in to make sure you have all of your issued equipment and that you are returning the correct equipment! Sometimes roommates get their belongings mixed up. 😊
You will be charged for any missing equipment that was issued to you or equipment that can not be reissued (damaged).

| SRT Name | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN | Crew # |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | 8/14/2023 | 8/15/2023 | 8/16/2023 | 8/17/2023 | 8/18/2023 | 8/19/2023 | 8/20/2023 | |
| Daily Assignment | | | | | | | | Totals |
| Rescues | | | | | | | | |
| Preventative Actions | | | | | | | | |
| First Aids | | | | | | | | |
| Smoking Enforcement | | | | | | | | |

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – OIC Lt Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: None

JBP Academy: Day 1- Morning Session 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 11th Street / 79th Street

Tides: High: 7:30:00 AM
Low: 1:35:00 PM

Special Events: Lifesaving Museum-10am, Floor Hockey-1930-Northside Park

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 40th,45th,57th,70th,79th,80th,89th,98th,100th,110th,112th,123rd,142nd

OCBP Floor Hockey!

August 15th

**Northside Park-
19:30hrs**

*Wear Your Athletic
Shoes.No Blades*



Contact Sgt. Weingard
for more details.



Wednesday, August 16, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: None

JBP Academy: Day 2- Morning Session 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 9th Street / 77th Street

Tides: High: 8:10:00 AM

Low: 2:14:00 PM

Special Events: Surfer's Healing-Castle in the Sand -37th St. Berlin Education Station Safety Presentation-0900-1500-N.Division St.-Roped off area with 10 umbrellas

Beach Weddings: 92nd St.-1200hrs

Beach Bonfires: 62nd,83rd,98th,103rd,142nd,145th

Thursday, August 17, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: None

JBP Academy: Day 3- Morning Session 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs), Also, we offer the JBP One-Day Clinic. Tell all the kids on your beach about it.

Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 7th Street / 75th Street

Tides: High: 8:50:00 AM

Low: 2:53:00 PM

Special Events: Beach Tennis-Daily-4th-10th St

Beach Weddings: 90th St. 1800hrs

Beach Bonfires: 37th,38th,58th,111th,133rd

Friday, August 18, 2023-PAY DAY

OCBPSRA Certification: None

JBP Academy: Day 4- Morning Session 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 5th Street / 73rd Street

Tides: High: 9:29:00 AM

Low: 3:32:00 PM

Special Events: Beach Tennis-Daily-4th-10th St

Beach Weddings: 3rd St. 1700hrs, 59th St. 1845 hrs

Beach Bonfires: 30th,58th 119th,119th

Saturday, August 19, 2023 It's Test Day!

PEPSE 3 - 0900 - Dorchester St. and the Boardwalk

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 3rd Street / 71st Street

Tides: High: 10:08:00 AM

Low: 4:12:00 PM

Special Events: Beach Tennis-Daily-4th-10th St, ESA Summer Surf Series-Street TBD

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 1800hrs and 1930hrs

Beach Bonfires: 48th,50th,56th,69th,82nd,109th,110th,121st,123rd,128th,136th,137th,139th



Employment Opportunities

Our 3rd Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation for next season will take place on Saturday, August 19th. Remember to mention these testing opportunities to potential candidates who you already know or who you meet on the beach. Registration begins at 09:00hrs. Orientation and assessments begin at 10:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St. Please write the testing dates on your chalkboards!



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Sunday, August 20, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 1st Street / 69th Street

Tides: High: 10:46:00 AM
Low: 4:55:00 PM

Special Events: Beach Tennis-Daily-4th-10th St

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 0900hrs and 92nd St. 0930hrs

Beach Bonfires: 61st, 110th, 116th, 118th, 127th, 145th

Monday, August 21, 2023 – OIC Lt. Stone

“Loyalty Bonus” starts today – earn a \$1.00 bonus for each hour you work. This will be paid at the end of the season.

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OCBPSRA Certification: None

Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / Caroline Street / 67th Street

Tides: High: 11:26:00 AM
Low: 5:41:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 54th, 115th, 138th, 146th



| <u>Stats.</u> | <u>Week 11</u> 7/31/23 to 8/6/23 | <u>Week 11</u> 8/1/22 to 8/7/22 | <u>Week 11</u> 8/2/21 to 8/8/21 |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Action | | | |
| Preventions | 6780 | 4639 | 11889 |
| Rescues | 67 | 8 | 389 |
| Minor First Aid | 115 | 111 | 137 |
| Ambulance Calls | 22 | 8 | 10 |
| Police Calls | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| USCG/MDNRP | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lost/Found Persons | 32 | 27 | 23 |
| N. Surf Beach Population | 8 | 12 | 66 |
| S. Surf Beach Population | 236 | 142 | 132 |
| Inlet Surf Beach Population | 23 | 6 | 37 |
| Beach Wheelchair Usage | 42 | 25 | 16 |
| Smoking Enforcement | 179 | 322 | 460 |

Important Last Day Info

The End of Season/Extended Employment Agreement form is available online on the OCBP website under “[Employee Forms](#).” It is due to Lt. Stone two weeks before your scheduled last day. We can only work with the information that is available to us. Please help to ensure we have accurate information from you.



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UPCOMING 2023 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Aug 19
Aug 18

PEPSE 3 - 0900 - Dorchester St. and the Boardwalk
Pay Day

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|--|
| Surfers Healing | Aug 16 | Daily | 37 th Street |
| Beach Tennis | Aug 17-20 | Daily | On the beach 4 th -10 th |
| ESA Summer Surf Series | Aug 19 | Daily | TBD |
| OC Jeep Fest | Aug 24-29 | Daily | Inlet lot and Beach |
| ESA Summer Surf Series | Sept 2 | Daily | TBD |
| Wine Fest | Sept 8-9 | Daily | Inlet Lot |
| Bike Fest | Sept 13-19 | Daily | Inlet Lot |
| Ocean's Calling | Sept 29- Oct 1 | Daily | South Ocean City |
| Bronco Beach Bash | Oct 13 - 15 | Daily | Inlet Lot |
| Sunfest | Oct 19 - 22 | Daily | Inlet Lot |



If you are not returning to work after you complete employment, all equipment must be returned ASAP or the value of the equipment will be charged to you and/or deducted from your last paycheck. If you return your equipment after this date, the amount previously deducted will then be reimbursed but please know it may take up to four weeks for you to receive your reimbursement check. If you leave FT employment but are planning to return, you must leave your equipment in case something happens and you are not able to return.

After Season Loyalty Bonus

Beginning on Monday, August 14th, everyone working will earn \$1.00 for every hour through Sunday, September 24th. This will be distributed after your final paycheck as a one-time Loyalty Bonus! We thank you for your continued service to the OCBP this Season



Notification of Status for Next Season

An email will be sent to the address that you have provided (make sure it is up to date and you are checking it), letting you know that you have received an "A" rating and are being offered a position for the coming season.

This email will also contain a link to an on-line form that you will need to respond to giving us some preliminary information on availability so we may continue planning and know how many candidates we still need to appoint to Surf Rescue Academy from our remaining tests.

You can expect this email in late January. If you do not receive this email you need to contact Captain Arbin to inquire about your status.

Travel Incentive For Returning to Work

After fulfilling your employment agreement and leaving full time with us this season, you may be eligible to receive a travel reimbursement of \$140 added to your paycheck if you return to the OCBP after August 13, 2023.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must commit to work at least two days
- Must drive your personal vehicle
- Must travel from at least 110 miles away
- Must present proof of travel
- Must be on the schedule and scheduled to work



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OCBP Question of the Week for The Worcester County Times

How many lifeguard stands are there from the inlet to the Delaware state line (My kids ask me this all the time, and I used to ask my parents this too years ago, so getting an answer would be great!) Also, how many lifeguards are there in total, and how many does it take to staff the beach on a typical summer day.

The number of stands on the beach changes throughout the season and is dependant on several factors. During the earliest part of our season, Memorial Day weekend through mid-June, while the water is traditionally colder and the crowds are smaller, we place less stands on the beach than we do during peak season July and August. However, during our early season, we increase the number of guard towers on the weekends and holidays. We also schedule all of our training, certification and re-certification in May and June so that we have all (180 – 200+) personnel available once we are in peak season (178 this season). In support of our early season deployment goals, we hold our final Surf Rescue Academy beginning the 3rd week of June each year. With the addition of this last academy of rookies our annual goal is to be at 100% staffing by the end of June. Our plan is to have all stands in place by July 1st of each summer and on a typical day there will be 91 stands deployed from the Ocean City inlet to the Delaware line (85 this season). Although the number of stands we can deploy is directly linked to the number of personnel that we can recruit, hire and train as well as their individual availability early and late in our season.

Another annual occurrence is our reduction in staff during the last weeks of August as our personnel return to other obligations. This season has had some unique recruiting challenges. We have had less staff than in previous seasons however we have been able to maintain the number of stands (85) needed by reducing the number of guards used in extra activities such as camps. Many colleges are requiring students to return early and unfortunately the Maryland State legislature overturned Governor Hogan's executive order to start schools after Labor Day. The Ocean City Beach Patrol is committed to provide Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) along the entire beach for all visitors and residents so rather than have unguarded areas the number of available lifeguard towers are equally distributed along the beach front. During this time of the year, you will notice a larger distance between stands. This trend continues following Labor Day through the last day of our season, which is the third Sunday after Labor Day. This year our last guarding day will be September 25th. While we are in a reduced coverage scheme and the redistribution of personnel occurs, the location and distance between stands will change (sometimes on a daily basis).

The Town of Ocean City is committed to providing the safest beaches possible until the end of each season and are providing a loyalty bonus as well as a travel stipend to offset the cost of traveling back to Ocean City from commitments for our Surf Rescue Technicians so they can provide additional coverage. With the addition of returning Surf Rescue Technicians on weekends we will increase the total number of stands (and decrease the distance between stands) on those days. To see the locations of the guard towers on a daily basis you may follow the link to a google map that indicates the locations for that day. https://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/Beach_Patrol/surf_report/lifeguards.php

Although our coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers than during peak season, we will supplement this coverage by increasing the number of Mobil Rescue Units patrolling the beach. These mobile units are first-aid, PPE and AED (A device used to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm) equipped with one SRT (rider) acting as the primary rescue swimmer, while the other SRT (driver) maintains radio communication and backup during an emergency. Both are qualified as surf rescue technicians, medical first responders, AED certified and are quad (ATV) certified.

If you ever have a question, please go up to a lifeguard and ask. If you see an inappropriate or unsafe situation, bring it to the attention of the SRT. To get current information about the beach patrol as well as daily stats and current beach conditions, you can follow the beach patrol on Instagram or "like us" on the Official OCBP Facebook page. If interested in working for the Beach Patrol talk to your Surf Rescue Technician (lifeguard) or visit our website JoinBeachPatrol.com. We have two more tests August 19th and October 1st in Ocean City for the 2024 season. We provide all training and certifications during a paid Surf Rescue Training Academy at the beginning of our 2024 season. We can't wait to be a part of your wonderful experiences in Ocean City, because we are glad you are here, and always remember to "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!"



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Assistant Crew Chief (ACC) Matt Moscynski has been with the Beach Patrol for 2 years. He is the ACC of Crew 13 and sits the stands in the middle north area. The ACC is a one season leadership training position and requires the SRT to attend specialized training, before being appointed and receive additional management and leadership training during the season. Matt likes to compete in competitions. In his spare time, he likes baseball, fishing, and watching sports. In the off season he attends York College and works on a Christmas tree farm. ACC Matt Moscynski and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. If you think you would like a position with the Patrol like Matt, ask any of our Surf Rescue Technicians or visit our website at JoinBeachPatrol.com. We will start testing for next summer this August. We pay (\$18.44 / 2023 rate with a \$500 signing Bonus) while we train you in our Surf Rescue Training Academy where all certifications will be provided. It's never too late to join our team.



IMPORTANT – Verification of your information that we have on file.

Please check your Data sheet and return as correct or incorrect with the corrections made on that copy.

Please check your OCBPSRA record sheet and return as correct or incorrect with the corrections made on that copy.



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